



Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report

About NEWMOA

NEWMOA is a non-profit, non-partisan, interstate association whose membership is composed of the state environment agency programs that address pollution prevention, toxics use reduction, sustainability, materials management, hazardous waste, solid waste, emergency response, waste site cleanup, underground storage tanks, and related environmental challenges in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. NEWMOA also works collaboratively with non-member states on issues and programs of national importance.

Mission

NEWMOA provides a strategic forum for effectively identifying, developing, and implementing solutions to environmental problems through collaborative initiatives that advance pollution prevention and sustainability, promote safer alternatives to toxic materials in products, identify and assess emerging contaminants, facilitate adaption to climate change, mitigate greenhouse gas sources, promote reuse and recycling of wastes and diversion of organics; support proper management of hazardous and solid wastes, and facilitate clean-up of contaminant releases to the environment.

NEWMOA is thankful to the following staff and board members that contributed to our member-driven work in FY23:

Staff

Terri Goldberg, Martin Suuberg, Melissa Lavoie, Andy Bray, Lois Makina, Jennifer Griffith, Krishana Abraham-Petrie and Stephanie Frisch

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VT DEC

Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Solid Waste & Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program

Steering Committee

- Held 2 virtual meetings of the NEWMOA Solid Waste and SMM Steering Committee to share updates, discuss FY 2023 projects, and plan the Board meeting discussion
- Held 3 virtual meetings for the NEWMOA and NERC Boards and SW program managers to discuss state SWIFR grants and Recycling Education and Outreach (CREO) efforts
- Held a meeting of Board members and SW & SMM Committee Members to discuss opportunities for regional collaboration with SWIFR grants; held related coordination meeting with MA DEP regarding NEWMOA collaboration with their awarded SWIFR grant
- Participated in various Environmental Business Council (EBC) solid waste-related webinars
- Terri Goldberg interviewed for a MassRecycle Podcast
- Migrated SW and SMM materials to NEWMOA's new website

Joint Projects/Initiatives with NERC

NEWMOA Anaerobic Digestion Project with NERC as a Contracted Partner (funded by EPA Region 2 grant)

- Participated in monthly Team Meetings with Project Partners (NERC, Clean+Healthy, and CT Coalition for Energy and Environmental Justice)
- Held five virtual meetings of the Project Steering Committee (SC)
- Participated in bi-monthly Steering Committee Meetings
- Drafted and finalized Regulatory and Community Engagement Guides, and What's AD Roadmap; sent What's AD Roadmap for Spanish translation
- Met with 11 Northeast States & EPA to finalize factsheets on state-specific and federal regulations for permitting new construction of AD facilities that accept food waste
- Convened a Regulatory Group of State staff to plan for webinar training series

Joint NEWMOA-NERC Climate & Materials Workgroup

- Participated in 5 virtual meetings of the West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum to learn about their efforts and to discuss increased coordination
- Held a joint webinar in December on “Ground Glass Pozzolans – A More Sustainable Solution for Recycled Glass & Concrete”; posted slides and recording

Joint NEWMOA-NERC EPR Network (led by NEWMOA)

- Held joint virtual meeting of the NERC–NEWMOA Northeast EPR Network in December to talk about EPR priorities and ideas for regional coordination
- Assisted the West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum with developing a white paper on “Reducing Climate Impacts Through Packaging EPR”
- Participated in planning and presenting during a joint webinar with the West Coast Climate and Materials Management Forum on “Reducing Climate Impacts Through Packaging EPR: Recycling and Beyond” in November; participated in three follow-up virtual meetings to discuss the concepts put forward in the webinar
- Hosted a joint webinar with NERC on “[EPR for Packaging and Bottle Bill Programs: How Can They Coexist?](#)”

Joint NEWMOA-NERC Food Recovery Workgroup

- Held joint virtual meetings of the NEWMOA – NERC Food Recovery Workgroup in September and April to share updates and discuss plans
- Held joint webinar on “[Strategies for Residential Food Waste Reduction and Composting](#)”

Joint NERC-NEWMOA Recycling Markets Committee (lead by NERC, NEWMOA participation)

- Participated in monthly meetings and reviewed meeting notes and presentation slides
- Reviewed NERC’s quarterly *Report on Blended MRF (materials recovery facilities) Commodity Values in the Northeast*

Joint NEWMOA-NERC Recycled Content Legislation Workgroup (led by NEWMOA)

- Held a Workgroup meeting in November (5 participants) to discuss the future of the model legislation and the Workgroup; prepared and distributed notes
- Compiled all the comment letters/documents received on the model legislation and posted on NEWMOA.org

Joint NEWMOA-NERC Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Workgroup

- Held a virtual meeting in October (9 participants); prepared and distributed notes
- Held a webinar on management of waste from e-cigarettes and vaping devices: <https://www.newmoa.org/event/properly-managing-e-cigarettes-vaping-waste-streams/>

Joint C&D (Construction & Demolition) Materials (led by NEWMOA)

- Attended MassDEP C&D Materials Subcommittee stakeholder meeting December 1st
- Developed online stakeholder survey on gypsum wallboard management and recycling
- Held virtual C&D Materials Workgroup meeting November 9th (14 participants) to plan webinars and review the stakeholder survey
- Organized and held a joint webinar on “Gypsum Wallboard: Problems, Recommendations, and the Current State of Recycling” in January (411 attendees); posted slides and recording online at: <https://www.newmoa.org/event/gypsum-wallboard-problems-recommendations/>
- Organized and held a joint webinar on “Gypsum Wallboard: Opportunities to Increase Recycling” in January (348 attendees); slides and recording still need to be posted online
- Held a Workgroup meeting in March to develop next steps
- Project on hold until FY24

Joint Chemical Recycling Workgroup (led by NERC, NEWMOA participation)

- Held 4 Chemical Recycling Workgroup meetings. Posted available PP slides:
<https://www.newmoa.org/event/chemical-recycling-part-1/>
<https://www.newmoa.org/event/chemical-recycling-part-2/>
- Participated in monthly virtual meetings held by NERC

Coordinating with State Recycling Organizations

- Held three meetings with state-wide recycling organizations to coordinate on grant applications and share ideas and resources

Workgroups

Materials Management 101 Training

- Planned and held a “Materials Management 101: How Do Environmental Agencies Classify Wastes?” for NEWMOA members only in October (198 attendees)
- Planned and held a “Materials Management 101: Plastics” for NEWMOA members only in January (51 attendees)
- Held a MRF 101 (including a video tour of a facility in New Jersey) for NEWMOA members only in May (65 attendees).
- Activities on hold until new staff hired in FY24

Medical Waste Workgroup

- No activity during this time
- Wrote an email to the Workgroup about its future; respondents indicated an interest in keeping the Workgroup going to meet once a year and additional times upon request

Measuring SMM

- Held a meeting between EPA and NEWMOA (6 participants from EPA) to discuss their development of SMM measures for the grants they plan to issue; still under development so nothing new to report to the state programs
- Drafted an email the Workgroup about its future; respondents indicated that NEWMOA should sunset the group and reconvene meetings when and if EPA announces SMM measures related to SWIFR and REO grant
- No Workgroup meetings were held during this year and the group will be discontinued

Solid Waste Landfill Workgroup

- Held 2 virtual Workgroup meetings to discuss cover materials, including materials used for alternative daily cover

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Data Workgroup

- Worked on analysis of 2020 data provided by states, researched data from receiving states outside the NEWMOA region, and updated the Excel spreadsheet
- Data project now on hold – 2020 data will be finalized and published with 2022 data in FY24
- Presented to the Northeast Biosolids & Residuals Association (NEBRA) on NEWMOA's 2021 Solid Waste Disposal Capacity in the Northeast report and recent updates

Disaster Debris Management

- Drafted an email to the Workgroup about its future; respondents indicated an interest in keeping the Workgroup going to meet once a year and additional times upon request

Convening SW, SMM, & P2 Programs in EPA Region 2

- Emailed EPA Region 2 about planning a meeting, but they would prefer to meet in FY24 as they are busy with the new grant programs

Restrictions on Plastics Workgroup

- Held 1 meeting: prepared and distributed notes

States' Bottle Bill Programs

- Held 2 meetings of state Bottle Bill Program leads

Waste Tires Webinar

- Co-sponsored a webinar with the US Tire Manufacturers Association and NERC on “Northeast Rubber Modified Asphalt Workshop”

BUDs (Beneficial Use Determinations) Database Future

- Held a virtual meeting of lead state Beneficial Use Determinations (BUDs) staff as well as representatives from the ASTSWMO BUD Task Force and EPA Regions 1 and 2 in December to discuss the future of the BUDs database that NEWMOA developed in 2011. Due to resource issues in maintaining it and keeping the information up to date, there is no momentum to continue this effort or keep the database.

Sustainable Materials Management Projects

Reducing Wasted Food Project in Onondaga County

- Presented on the Project at the fall 2022 NERC Conference
- Prepared the final project report and submitted

Reducing Waste Food Project in Erie County

- Held bi-weekly project planning meetings with Erie County and a representative of Metz, the hospital food service provider. One meeting included a representative of Metz and a representative of Leanpath to decide site visits and training plans
- Visited the four hospital and assisted living sites in Buffalo to review kitchen procedures and waste management
- Participated in 2 virtual trainings on using the Leanpath tool with the head chefs of the four hospitals and other Metz management

- Drafted case studies of the four hospital and assisted living facilities. Decided to combine into one Reducing Food Waste at Health Care Facilities in Erie County document to reduce redundancy
- Drafted a Reducing Food Waste at Commercial Food Service in Erie County guide
- Submitted proposal to give a presentation at the November 2023 NYSAR3 Conference (proposal was accepted)

Closed Landfills Project

Finalized the documents for NH and VT in October and posted on the NEWMOA website:

Closed Landfills in Vermont:

- [Guide to Best Management Practices & Requirements](#) (8 pages)
- [Inspection Checklist](#) (4 pages)
- [Municipal Reminder Checklist](#) (2 pages)

Closed Landfills in New Hampshire:

- [Best Management Practices & Requirements](#) (8 pages)
- [Inspection Checklist](#) (4 pages)
- [Municipal Reminder Checklist](#) (2 pages)

- Developed “generic” writable all locations versions of the 3 documents:
 - [BMP Guide](#)
 - [Inspection Checklist](#)
 - [Municipal Reminder Checklist](#)
- Held virtual meetings of the Project Steering Committee (NH DES, VT DEC, and the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD)) to plan and provide feedback on Project activities
- Developed presentations on the BMP guide and checklists and held outreach (virtual) workshops for the NEKWMD and the New Hampshire Municipal Association
- Researched property information in the VT ANR Atlas for the old landfill properties in Barnet and Westmore and in the NH OneStop for Whitefield, and searched for available aerial photographs for the targeted landfills
- Wrote article for publication in the NH Municipal Association’s Town & City Magazine
- Prepared presentation and organized an end-of-project webinar: <https://www.newmoa.org/event/closed-landfills-hazards-best-practices-what-you-need-to-know/>

PFAS in Consumer Products Project

- Held virtual meetings of the Project Steering Committee (ME DEP, NH DES, VT DEC, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments (AVCOG) and the NEKWMD) every three weeks to plan and provide feedback on the Project activities
- Researched PFAS in consumer products and developed an extensive Excel spreadsheet to organize the information
- Published 5 fact sheets:
 - A **general handout** about PFAS and the connection to consumer products
 - Handouts on four common categories of consumer products
 - **Clothing & Other Textiles**
 - **Personal Care Products**
 - **Outdoor Recreation**
 - **Foodware & Packaging**
- Conducted outreach to the public:
 - NH in July: Lancaster & Littleton farmer markets
 - ME in August: Farmington & Lewiston farmer markets
 - VT in August: Lyndonville farmer market & NEKWMD Recycling Center

Proposed Clearinghouse for Extended Producer Responsibility Administration (CEPRA)

- Held one meeting with CT DEEP regarding future funding for this project
- Participated in a meeting with CT DEEP and Worthington, a gas cylinder manufacturer regarding potential utilization of CEPRA if funding is available

Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Hazardous Waste (HW) Program

Program Coordination

- Held 4 virtual meetings of the HW Steering Committee to implement FY 2023 activities
- Worked with members to draft and send a letter (from all NEWMOA member states) requesting an increase in RCRA funding to 100+ recipients in our member congressional delegations
- Migrated HW materials to NEWMOA's new website

Training

- Held 4 HW Training Workgroup virtual meetings
- Conducted a survey to inform selection of priority training topics for 2023; compiled and shared results to inform schedule for HW training sessions
- Held monthly information-sharing virtual meetings; edited meeting notes, distributed, and posted slides and recordings:
 - Oct – How States are Addressing HW Issues with Waste Paint Collection & EPR Programs
 - Nov – Waste Hand & Surface Sanitizers & HW Requirements
 - Dec – Results of Recent HW Inspections of Hospitals/Medical Facilities
 - Jan – The RCRA Training Website, Tools for RCRA Practitioners
 - Feb. – Routine Aggression, De-Escalation, & Tactical Empathy: Your Presence / Your Safety
 - March – Hazardous Waste Safety & Climate Change Preparedness
 - April- EPA PFAS Updates and CT DEEP AFFF Takeback Program
 - May – Identifying Incompatible Wastes and Navigating the Charts
- Organized and held two in-person Hazardous Waste Inspectors/ Workshops:
 - June 15 in Worcester, MA for Region 1 states
 - June 21 in New York City for Region 2 states and territories

Hazardous Waste Regulations Adoption and Authorization Workgroup

Held a virtual meeting in October to share information on state HW rulemaking efforts

Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Waste Site Clean-up & Brownfields Program

Brownfields & Voluntary Site Cleanup & Land Reuse Coordination

- Held 3 virtual meetings of the Waste Site Cleanup (WSC) Steering Committee to discuss NEWMOA's activities, develop the FY24 workplan, and prepare for NEWMOA Board meetings
- Held an emergency meeting of the WSC Steering Committee to discuss the in-person workshops and strategize on how to increase registration
- Held a virtual states-only meeting to learn more about Vermont's findings from their PCBs in school air work
- Held three meetings of the sub-group helping NEWMOA organize in-person workshops
- Organized and held in-person *What Regulators Want: Quality Site Assessments & Investigations Using the Conceptual Site Model Approach* workshops in four locations:
 - May 17th in Portland, ME
 - May 18th in Lebanon, NH
 - June 7th in Lowell, MA
 - June 20th in Willimantic, CT
- Held 2 Brownfields Workgroup meetings to determine plans for the annual States/EPA Brownfields Programs meeting and to begin planning the 2024 Brownfields Summit
- Organized and held the June 14th annual meeting at EPA Region 1 in Boston and managed all logistics
- Organized and held two public webinars:
 - [Understanding the Changes to the ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Standard](#)
- [QA/QC Basics & Understanding Your Lab Report](#)
- Worked with RIDEM to update their *Site Investigation Matters* brochure in November/December
- Migrated WSC materials to NEWMOA's new website

Coordination on PFAS

- Held virtual meetings of the NEWMOA PFAS Working Group (with EPA participation) each month except December (each attended by 33-41 participants) and shared follow-up information
- Held five virtual information-sharing meetings of the states-only sub-group focused on soil leaching issues November 14th, December 21st, January 14th, January 25th, and May 8th (each attended by 12-18 participants)
- Helped NH DES organize & hold a day long virtual meeting of the soil leaching sub-group and others on February 14th (32 attendees)
- Held virtual information-sharing meetings of the states-only sub-group focused on AFFF issues November 2nd (8 participants)
- Held a webinar for states and EPA-only featuring Robert Bilott on “PFAS Litigation and Discovery”
- Held a meeting with NESCAUM and NEIWPCC to discuss PFAS activities and potential coordination
- Attended NEIWPCC BioHub meeting
- Organized and held 2 public webinars:
 - August 10th: [PFAS Destruction: Updates on Two Technologies](#)
 - August 31st: [PFAS Destruction: Two More Technologies](#)
- Science of PFAS Conference in 2024
 - Conducted a search for a conference location and contracted with the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center in Marlborough, MA for April 2-4, 2024
 - Migrated 2022 Conference materials to NEWMOA’s new website
 - Held 3 Planning Committee Calls
 - Developed draft agenda outline
 - Developed a Call for Sponsors outreach fact sheet and an online Google form, and sent the Save-the-Date email in March – there are now nine sponsors to-date
 - Developed a Call for Presentations fact sheet and an online Google form, and sent the Call email
 - Organized track sub-groups and organized calls to review proposals:
 - September 20th - Fate & Transport
 - September 25th – Treatment & Destruction
 - September 26th – Uses & Alternatives
 - September 28th – Toxicology & Risk
 - October 2nd – Sampling & Analysis

Brownfields Summit

- Held 2 planning meetings with the Brownfields Workgroup
- Held a search for a location to hold the Summit and contracted with the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine for May 29 and 30, 2024
- Developed a Call for Sponsors outreach fact sheet and an online Google form, and sent the Save-the-Date email
- Developed a Call for Presentations fact sheet and an online Google form
- Developed draft agenda outline
- Organized a Planning Team call

Soil Reuse Project – Cross Program Workgroup with the Solid Waste Program

- Held Workgroup information-sharing virtual meeting February 1st (14 participants)

Other Related Activities

- Attended PFAS webinars organized by the Environmental Business Council (EBC) and Sanborn Head
- Attended EBCs annual day-long PFAS Seminar
- Attended the annual AEHS “Soils” Conference and moderated a session of states presenting their PFAS research and a session on Environmental Justice
- Participated in an AEHS Advisory Board meeting to debrief on the 2022 Conference and start planning for 2023
- Reviewed presentation abstracts submitted for the 2023 Conference and participated in several virtual planning meetings to develop the five PFAS sessions

EPA Healthy Communities Grant – Green Cleaning in Southern New Hampshire

- Funded by an EPA Region 1 Healthy Communities P2 grant in collaboration with NH DES to conduct a training and technical assistance program on green cleaning in EJ communities in Southern, NH
- Held four meetings of the Advisory Group to gather input on project elements, target audiences, and outlets for outreach
- Drafted fact sheets on green cleaning:
 - What are Green Cleaners & Why We Care & Third-Party Certifications
 - Techniques for Safe Disinfecting in the Home
- Project will be finalized in FY24.

Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Pollution Prevention (P2) & Sustainability Program

Pollution Prevention Roundtable

- Co-coordinated nine meetings with the New England state P2 programs (six participating programs) to coordinate interstate collaboration and information sharing on technical assistance to the craft beverage sector
- Migrated P2 and sustainability materials to NEWMOA's new website

P2 in the Craft Beverage Sector

- Signed contracts with NH DES and RI DEM to support regional coordination and individual states' efforts in the craft beverage sector
- Participated in eleven working meetings with NH DES, RI DEM, University of Southern Maine, UMass Boston, Mass Brew Bros, and EPA to advance the development of the New England Sustainable Craft Beverage Recognition Program
- Attended the New England Brewers Summit & sustainability-related sessions
- Co-organized a one-day meeting of the Northeast Sustainable Craft Beverage Working Group at the University of Southern Maine to advance the development of a performance standard for brewers
- Finalized a regional sustainability performance standard as a common standard across states' programs
- Planned a meeting with the RI Brewers Guild to address wastewater issues, introduce the performance standard, and kick off RI DEM's recognition program
- Participated in three sustainable craft beverage branding conversations
- Drafted a sustainable winery performance standard for RI
- NEWMOA is waiting on a contract from RIDEM for direction of FY24 activities

Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Cross Programs

Continuous Improvement Workgroup

Held a virtual meeting to share information on state activities and resources; prepared meeting notes and shared

Environmental Justice Workgroup

Held a training webinar on “Elevating the Voices of Impacted Communities through Effective Community Engagement Strategies”

PFAS Use Reduction Model Legislation Workgroup

- Held 10 meetings of the PFAS Model Legislation Workgroup to develop model PFAS use reduction legislation
- Draft Model Legislation Published for Public Comment; workgroup met to review comments received and revise model language

PFAS Coordination with NESCAUM & NEIWPCC

- Held a meeting with NESCAUM and NEIWPCC leads on PFAS to discuss opportunities for coordination and information sharing
- ED discussed with NESCAUM and NEIWPCC EDs the idea of a joint meeting to discuss latest disposal/destruction options.



Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Interstate Mercury Education & Reduction Clearinghouse (IMERC)

Steering Committee

- Held 5 virtual meetings of the All-IMERC Committee to:
 - Share information on international efforts to accelerate the phase-out of fluorescents and possible implications for states
 - Close out on outstanding 2016 Triennial Notifications
 - Assess the status of 2018 Triennial Reporting
 - Work on 2021 Triennial Reporting
 - Review mailing to 2018 Triennial Non-notifiers
 - Review and update IMERC section of NEWMOA's Strategic Plan
 - Briefing from MN on mercury in cosmetics work
- Migrated IMERC materials to NEWMOA's new website

Labeling, Phase-out, and Notification

- Held Notification Workgroup technical review virtual meetings (average of 7 participants) to process 2018 and 2021 filings
- Held Labeling Workgroup virtual meetings (average 7 participants) to process open Alternative Labeling Applications
- Tracked Alternative Labeling Plans and Phase-out Exemption Applications status and planned compliance assurance activities
- Provided ongoing customer service regarding reporting

IMERC E-filing System

- Managed enfoTech's (NEWMOA's IT contractor) work to modernize the public data access portal to improve access to the data; tested system and provided feedback on issues



Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse (IC2) Program & IC2's High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS)

IC2 Management

- Participated in 2 planning meetings to implement the Ken Zarker Award housed at IC2
- Participated in 20 IC2 Executive Committee (EC) meetings
- Organized and held 4 IC2 Board meetings
- Organized and held 3 IC2 All Member meetings
- Developed and launched the new IC2 website (modeled on newmoa.org)
- Organized and held 8 IC2 AA Guide Update Planning Meetings
- Organized and held 10 (IC2) State and Local Government TSCA Coordination Workgroup meetings
- Organized and held 2 IC2 TSCA group funding discussions
- Organized and held 4 EPA and IC2 TSCA Small Group Discussions on Cumulative Exposures
- Organized and held 4 TSCA Workgroup Planning Meetings
- Organized and held one EPA & IC2 TSCA Coordination Workgroup Meeting on Risk Management for Disposal, Recycling, and Manufacturer Responsibility for End-of-Life Management
- Organized and held 3 WA DoE AA/Equity Project Work Follow-up meetings
- DTSC/IC2 Discussion on IC2 AA Guide Update Considerations
- Organized and held one IC2 TSCA Chair discussion
- Organized and held 6 IC2 EJ Workgroup Meetings
- Organized and held one MN & IC2 PFAS Reporting Contracting Discussion meeting
- Organized and held 3 SGS-NEWMOA (NYSDEC) Project Review meetings

Workgroups

- Organized and held 2 IC2 Alternatives Assessment Workgroup virtual meetings
- Organized and held one virtual meeting on updating the IC2 Alternative Assessment Guide
- Organized and held 3 Equity/Environmental Justice Workgroup virtual meetings
- Organized and held 2 IC2 PFAS Workgroup virtual meetings
- Organized and held 4 IC2 Procurement Workgroup Meetings

Training

Organized and held the following IC2 webinars for members:

Non-Toxic Procurement

EPA Hazard Comparison Module Presentation

Environmental Justice Mapping Tools

Additional Support Provided to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

- Participated in meetings with NYSDEC staff regarding the finalization of their FY23 contract with IC2
- Responded to requests for information on other states' chemical in products reporting rules and regulations
- Helped with onboarding and knowledge transfer to new staff on HPCDS, inviting staff to participate in meetings with other HPCDS-user states
- Prepared and submitted documents required for the FY 2023 NYSDEC Contract
- Updated NEWMOA's document vault in the NYS' Grants Gateway

Communications and Outreach

- Drafted and posted 12 monthly IC2 Member Bulletins highlighting member initiatives and accomplishments (sent to 141 members, each)
- Participated in ECOS TSCA & PFAS Workgroup virtual meetings
- Worked on final aspects of IC2 website redesign.
- Finalized the IC2 website redesign.

IC2's High Priority Chemicals Data System (HPCDS)

- Provided ongoing technical support to manufacturers and state administrative HPCDS users
- Organized and/or participated in 26 HPCDS-related meetings
- Oversaw IT contractor work on enhancements to the HPCDS to improve reporting capabilities
- Administered and maintained the HPCDS on behalf of the WA State Department of Ecology and OR Health Authority
- Re-engaged ERG in contract negotiations with VT Department of Health; near-final contract
- Held a meeting with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on using HPCDS for product registration under their new laws regarding PFAS in products
- Participated in Planning for WA/OR HPCDS Tasks in Fall 2023



Staff Activities & Accomplishments in NEWMOA's Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse (TPCH)

TPCH Management

- Facilitated 10 TPCH Executive Committee (EC) meetings

Member Meetings

- Organized and held 10 membership meetings
- Planning for a late September TPCH in person meeting in Hartford, hosted by CT DEEP

Technical Testing Workgroup to Provide Guidance for Laboratories & the Regulated Community

- Organized and held 7 Technical Testing Subcommittee virtual meetings
- Drafted the final elements of a guidance document for the regulated community regarding testing details for packaging with PFAS

Communications & Outreach

- Gave a presentation in Washington D.C. at the Food Contact Packaging Conference USA
- Members continued drafting updated Certificate of Compliance Form to share with the regulated community.
- Posted the FY 2022 TPCH Annual Report